

AMENDMENTS

Please amend claims 1-16. A version of the claims showing the changes made is attached.

Claim 1 (Amended) A method of dyeing synthetic material, said method comprising the steps of:

internally dyeing a polymeric material with a colorant and forming a structure, said colorant providing a base color shade for said structure;
assembling a fabric from said structure;
externally dyeing said fabric to form a final color shade on said fabric.

Claim 2 (Amended) The method set forth in claim 1, wherein said step of internally dyeing said polymeric material includes introducing said colorant in the polymerization process.

Claim 3 (Amended) The method set forth in claim 1, wherein said base color shade provides between 70% and 90% of the total depth of color of said final color shade.

Claim 4 (Amended) The method set forth in claim 1, wherein the step of internally dyeing further includes the addition of an ultraviolet stabilizing agent into said polymeric material.

Claim 5 (Amended) A method of dyeing synthetic material, said method comprising the steps of:

internally dyeing a polymeric material with a colorant, said colorant providing a base color shade for said polymeric material;

producing yarn from said internally dyed polymeric material; and
externally dyeing said yarn to form a final color shade thereon.

Claim 6 (Amended) The method set forth in claim 5, wherein said step of internally dyeing said polymeric material includes introducing said colorant into a melt of said polymeric material.

Claim 7 (Amended) The method set forth in claim 5, wherein the step of internally dyeing further includes the addition of an ultraviolet stabilizing agent to said polymeric material.

Claim 8 (Amended) The method set forth in claim 1, wherein said base color shade provides between 70% and 90% of the total depth of color of said final color shade.

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Claim 9 (Amended) A fabric treated in accordance with claim 1.

Claim 10 (Amended) A fabric treated in accordance with claim 2.

Claim 11 (Amended) A fabric treated in accordance with claim 3.

Claim 12 (Amended) A fabric treated in accordance with claim 4.

Claim 13 (Amended) A fabric treated in accordance with claim 5.

Claim 14 (Amended) A fabric treated in accordance with claim 6.

Claim 15 (Amended) A fabric treated in accordance with claim 7.

Claim 16 (Amended) A fabric treated in accordance with claim 8.